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Academic Council Meeting Agenda and Minutes, November 1, 1976

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Members of the Academic Council will meet at 3:10 p.m., Monday, November 1, 1976, in Rooms 155 A, B, and C (Presidential Dining Area), Main Floor, University Center.

I. Call to Order.

II. Approval of Minutes of Meeting on October 4, 1976.

III. Report of the President.

IV. Report of the Steering Committee.

V. Reports of the Standing Committees:

A. Curriculum Committee
B. Faculty Affairs Committee
C. Library Committee
D. Student Affairs Committee
E. Undergraduate Petitions Committee

VI. Old Business:

A. Election of Professor-At-Large for the University Promotions and Tenure Committee. (See Attachment A, Minutes of October 4, 1976)

B. Approval of Change in By-Laws of Graduate Council. (See Attachment C, Agenda of October 4, 1976)

C. Approval of Amendments from Student Affairs Committee to Charter of the University Programming Board. (See Attachment B, Minutes of October 4, 1976)

VII. New Business:

A. Election of Faculty Representative to Chancellor's Faculty Advisory Committee.

B. Approval of Recommended Change in Date of Commencement, 1977. (See Attachment A)

VIII. Adjournment.
I. The November meeting was called to order by Chairman Pro Tem Vice Provost Murray at 3:15 p.m., in Room 155 of the University Center.

Present:

Absent:
P. Batra, J. Castellano, A. Kader, and R. Kegerreis

II. Approval of Minutes of October 4, 1976, meeting.

The minutes of October 4 were approved with the following exception:

On page six, under Item E., Michael Cleary was nominated as Academic Council Representative to Athletic Council.

III. Report of the President, Mr. Spiegel reporting in the absence of Mr. Kegerreis.

Mr. Spiegel reported that Dean Frommeyer was on approved leave of absence from the library and that an interim dean had been appointed. Mr. Spiegel stated that over a year ago, Mr. Frommeyer had discussed with him the possibility of requesting leave due to health reasons and just recently his physician recommended that he now take that leave of absence. He further indicated that a search is now going on for an associate dean. Mr. Spiegel stated that Dean Frommeyer had served long and well and that he was sure he would continue to do so in one capacity or another in the university.

The next part of Mr. Spiegel's report concerned fall enrollment and the budget situation in the university. The university will not have the income that was originally anticipated because of the combination of a decline in enrollment and the latest budget reduction of one percent by Governor Rhodes. The university is taking three positive steps to rectify the budget problem.

1. Elenore Koch has been placed in charge of a special task force to increase winter quarter enrollment.

2. There will be some selected budget cuts. The major one is in not filling vacancies that have not been filled before and those that do become vacant. Where the filling of the vacancy can be justified, it will be allowed.
3. The university will review student fees in order to determine if it will be necessary to increase these fees. Before any decision is made, the university will confer with the Student Caucus Chairman and other students.

Mr. Spiegel indicated that there would be more information concerning these operations at the General Faculty Meeting on November 16.

Mr. Murray welcomed our new student representative from the Western Ohio Branch Campus, Michael Holtman.

Mr. Prem Batra was elected representative to Academic Council from Constituency D. He replaced Sue Cummings. Due to class conflicts, Mr. Batra will not be attending Council meetings until the first of the year.

IV. Report of the Steering Committee, Mr. Graham reporting.

A replacement for the library on the Constitutional Review Committee is needed. Mr. Nolan will be nominated to replace Mr. Frommeyer. This is added as Item C under New Business.

Mr. Graham noted that Edward Nicholson's name should be removed from the candidates list for the Academic Council representative to the Promotion and Tenure Committee inasmuch as he has assumed administrative responsibilities.

Mr. Graham also noted that it would not be necessary to obtain approval from the general faculty to change the Publications Committee to the Media Committee.

V. Reports of the Standing Committees:

A. Curriculum Committee, Mr. Neve reporting.

The second meeting of the Curriculum Committee was held on October 18. An Articulation Agreement with Southern State College was approved.

The Curriculum Committee is also reviewing the course change process. The committee is forwarding to the Academic Council only those courses which have a pass/unsatisfactory grading system. Courses that fulfill general education requirements are approved by the Curriculum Committee and will not be forwarded to the Council for action.

Mr. Neve also stated that a new representative from the library is needed on the committee.

Mr. Murray stated that this would be added as an item under New Business.
B. Faculty Affairs Committee, Mr. Constable reporting.

The Faculty Affairs Committee is reviewing (1) due process changes as noted in the faculty handbook and late notifications, (2) faculty benefits, (3) criteria for professor emeritus, and (4) evaluation questionnaire.

C. Library Committee, Mrs. Mary Lou White reporting.

The three items discussed by the Library Committee are (1) the Approval Plan for Acquisition—this is a new program for acquiring books for the library and the help of all department chairmen and everyone concerned is needed, (2) the Search Committee and the search for the associate dean of the library position, and (3) the Friends of the Library Support Group.

D. Student Affairs Committee, Mr. Sayer reporting.

Ms. Lynch stated that Bob Brandt is the nonvoting representative from the Medical School to the Student Caucus.

Mr. Sayer reported that the Student Affairs Committee met for the second time on October 13. At that meeting Janice Malicki was appointed to serve on the Food Services Committee. The major points of interest for the year are (1) parking, (2) landscaping, and (3) the quarter versus the semester system.

Mr. Murray stated that Miami is already on the early semester system. Akron is the second school in the state of Ohio to announce that they are changing to the early semester; they are changing over in the fall of '77.

E. Undergraduate Petitions Committee, no report.

VI. Old Business:

A. Election of Professor-at-Large for the University Promotions and Tenure Committee. (See Attachment A, Minutes of October 4, 1976)

Nominated were: E. Harden, M. Bireley, A. Zappala, and H. Brown

Motion was made and seconded to close nominations.

Nominations were closed by voice vote.

After four (4) run-off elections, E. Harden was elected as Professor-at-Large to the Promotions and Tenure Committee.
B. Approval of Change in Bylaws of Graduate Council. (See Attachment C, Agenda of October 4, 1976)

Motion for approval was placed and seconded.

The motion is only on the underlined portion of Attachment C - Two graduate students who will normally include: (i) the Graduate Student Representative to the Student Caucus, and (ii) the Chairperson of the Graduate Student Community.

Motion passed by roll-call vote, 30-0.

C. Approval of Amendments from Student Affairs Committee to Charter of the University Programming Board. (See Attachment B, Minutes of October 4, 1976)

Motion for approval of amendments from Student Affairs Committee to the charter of the University Programming Board was placed and seconded.

Motion passed by roll-call vote, 30-0.

VII. New Business:

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the rules on all four items of new business.

Rules suspended by voice vote.

A. Election of Faculty Representative to Chancellor's Faculty Advisory Committee.

Motion was made to add Robert Adams as Faculty Representative to Chancellor's Faculty Advisory Committee.

Motion seconded.

Motion made and seconded to close nominations.

Motion approved by voice vote.

Mr. Robert Adams is the Faculty Representative to the Chancellor's Faculty Advisory Committee. This representative meets with the Chancellor periodically and reports back to the Academic Council.
B. Approval of Recommended Change in Date of Commencement, 1977.
(See Attachment A to November 1 Agenda)

Mr. Graham moved for approval of the recommendation of the Commencement Committee for the change in commencement date.

Motion seconded.

Ms. Torres inquired about the rationale for the change.

It was explained that the late date was causing problems. Commencement will be held the morning of June 11. Diplomas will be distributed to June graduates with a disclaimer letter in the diploma and in the graduation program. Students over which there is a doubt concerning their fulfilling all degree requirements will not be given their diplomas.

Motion for approval passed by voice vote.

C. Library Replacement on the Constitutional Review Committee (add-on item)

Mr. Graham nominated Mr. Patrick Nolan for replacing Mr. Frommeyer on the Constitutional Review Committee.

Motion seconded.

Motion was placed to close nominations.

Mr. Patrick Nolan replaces Mr. Frommeyer on the Constitutional Review Committee.

D. Library Replacement on the Curriculum Committee (add-on item)

Motion was made to appoint Margaret Roach as library representative.

Motion was made and seconded to close the nominations.

Motion passed by voice vote.

Margaret Roach is appointed library representative.

VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.